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STANDING PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE TO HOLD HEARING ON AUDITOR GENERAL'S EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS REPORT

GEORGE TOWN, 12TH June 2024

The Standing Public Accounts Committee (PAC) will hold a public hearing on Thursday, **20th June 2024** starting at 10:00 a.m. in order to examine the Auditor General's performance report, *"Improving Employment Prospects for Caymanians (May 2024)"*.

Members of the PAC reviewed and discussed the Auditor General's report during the Committee's regular administrative meeting on 30th May, and agreed to hold a public hearing to further investigate the report.

Mr. Wesley Howell will attend as a witness in his capacity as the Chief Officer for the Ministry of Border Control, Labour & Culture. Additional witnesses include Mr. Jeremy Scott, Director of Workforce Opportunities & Residency Cayman (WORC), and Ms. Lyneth Monteith, Acting Chief Officer for the Ministry of Education.

In this latest performance report, which is available on the [website](#) of the Office of the Auditor General (OAG), the Auditor General makes 10 recommendations, primarily to WORC and the Ministry of Education, with several also to the Government.

In its upcoming hearing, the Members of the PAC will question the three witnesses on the contents of the Auditor General's report in accordance with Parliament Standing Order 77(4) and Section 87(1) of the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009, legislation that empowers the PAC with the responsibility to examine all authorities and Government-owned companies.

Following the hearing, the PAC will prepare its own report to accompany the Auditor General's report. The Committee may make additional recommendations to WORC, the Ministry of Education, or to the Government pursuant to Standing Order 77(5).

The current Members of the Public Accounts Committee are:

- Hon. Roy McTaggart, JP, MP: Chair
- Hon. Heather Bodden, OCl, Cert. Hon., JP, MP: Member
- Ms. Barbara Conolly, NP, JP, MP: Member
- Mr. Joseph Hew, MP: Member
- Hon. Dr. W. McKeeva Bush, JP, MP: Member
- Mr. Bernie Bush, MP: Member



The public can watch the proceedings live at the House of Parliament in George Town with proper attire and after signing-in with security personnel. The proceedings can also be seen live on the Cayman Islands Government's YouTube channel, on CIGTV, and on Breeze 105.3FM.

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Images with credit to the Parliament:

- "Hon Roy McTaggart PAC Chair 2.JPG": Hon. Roy McTaggart, Chair of the PAC, listening to a witness' response during a PAC hearing.
- "PAC Members Hearing.JPG": L-R: Ms. Barbara Conolly, NP, JP, MP; Mr. Joseph Hew, MP

Notes:

- The 2024 Report can be found on the Auditor General's website:
 - <https://www.auditorgeneral.gov.ky/performanceauditreports>
- Parliament Standing Orders (2024 Revision) can be found on the legislative catalogue website:
 - https://www.legislation.gov.ky/cms/images/LEGISLATION/PRINCIPAL/1997/1997-0000/ParliamentStandingOrders_2024%20Revision.pdf

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